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We delivered reftel points to Viktoras Meizis, Director of the Ministry of Health's Foreign Relations Division, on May 11. He said that the Health Minister, the Minister's secretary, and he would be going to the Geneva meeting. The

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MFA will not send anyone from Vilnius; it will be represented by the Lithuanian Ambassador in Geneva. Regarding smallpox, he said the GOL agrees there should be no rush to set a date for destruction of the live virus. He added, however, that the GOL is still waiting to hear more on this from the EU. He said that the GOL has done a lot of preparation work for Pandemic Influenza and for Avian Influenza in particular. He agreed that sharing of influenza virus samples is important but cautioned that it must be done carefully. He also agreed that insufficient vaccine supply is a global concern and a concern in Lithuania as well.
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